



ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.”

- Jn 6:56-57

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH

PARISH OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

We welcome all who are visiting. If you attend regularly and consider St. Mary's your parish, we encourage you to register as a member. You may fill out and submit the form online, or print the form from the website and return it to the parish office.

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LOCATIONS

St. Mary's Church: 138 Fairfield St. SE

Old St. Mary's: 125 Park Ave. SE

Ste Claire Chapel: 125 Park Ave. SE

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday

8:30AM - 12NOON - 1:00PM - 4:30PM

Closed for lunch from 12NOON - 1:00PM

Wednesday: 8:30AM - 1:30PM

(by appointment only after 1:30PM on Wednesdays)

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00PM - Church

Sunday 8:30AM, 11:00AM, 5:00PM - Church

Domingo Misa en español, 1:00PM - Iglesia

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 5:30PM - Old St. Mary's

Wednesday 8:20AM - Church

Miércoles 7:00PM - Old St. Mary's

Thursday Nursing Home 10:00AM

Saturday Morning Mass 8:00AM - Old St. Mary's

CONFESSIONS

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 4:45 - 5:15PM - Old St. Mary's

Wed. 6:15-6:45PM - Old St. Mary's

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30PM - Church

Sunday 12:30PM - Spanish - Church

PERPETUAL ADORATION - Ste Claire Chapel

ROSARY - Before Daily Mass

LIVE STREAM MASS (ON YOUTUBE)

Sunday 11:00AM Mass

SUNDAY HOMILIES ONLINE

Audio versions of all the weekend homilies are available on the parish website. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on "Listen to Homilies".

NURSERY - Available during 8:30 & 11:00AM Sunday Masses in Mother Teresa Conference Room - Ages 6 months to less than 5 years.

The Most Rev. Jacques E. Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston

PARISH CLERGY

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A Map of St. Mary's Campus can be found at:
<https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/campus-map>

TOTALS AS OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Aug 4	\$ 32,397.00
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	Aug 4	\$ 12,353.00
ENVELOPE/CASH OFFERTORY	Aug 11	\$ 16,235.78
ONLINE OFFERTORY FOR	Aug 11	\$ 21,763.00
TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET		\$ 2,020,200.00

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR ONLINE GIVING WITH OUR PARISH?

Here are some ways Online Giving benefits you:

- Secure and Confidential – Adheres to banking security standards
- Flexible – Start, stop, or change your contributions at any time
- Simple to sign up:
 1. Go to St. Mary's website at www.stmarys-aiken.org
 2. Click on "GIVING" and then "SUNDAY"
 3. Make your selections
 4. You can also make special collection choices online
- Contributions are via direct withdrawal or credit online

If you need assistance, or to discontinue online giving, please call 1.800.348.2886.

The Parish Finance Council recommends monthly frequency for the Sunday offering to minimize transaction fees.

FORMED

FORMED has great programming for the entire family: kids, teens, and adults. It has movies, videos, Bible studies, audiobooks, and eBooks.

WHAT DO YOU SEEK? | THE SEARCH | EPISODE 1

What is that deep longing in our hearts all about? We're all living for something, and we all strive for that something out there that is ultimately going to make us happy. But what is it? Watch Episode 1 of The Search to begin to answer this question.

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/theseach-ep1>

NOT ON FORMED? Go to www.formed.org/signup, enter Aiken, SC, then St. Mary Help of Christians.

IT'S CLOSE TO RENEWAL TIME for FORMED. If you have benefited from FORMED, please consider a donation to pay for this fabulous resource. Write FORMED on an envelope with a donation and put it in the Sunday basket. FORMED has movies, bible studies, children's material, audio, and more.

AA OPEN MEETING

AA open meeting at 7:00AM Sunday thru Friday in Smith Hall, Downstairs (next to Old St. Mary's church). Newcomers are welcome!

PASTOR'S CORNER

+JMJ+

JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE

Dear Friends in Christ,

God's Word, as well as the Eucharist, is the repast that feeds our soul. It would be reckless not to faithfully take part in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that Christ has left for us: Bread from heaven and the Word of God. The Gospel enlightens our mind; the Eucharist nourishes our soul. Christ's promise makes a new light shine within us: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day."

Holy Communion not only nourishes the soul but also gives us strength and makes our spirit enjoy the sweetness of divine things. It is not the sacrament that becomes, like the bread and wine, part of our substance, but rather we who mysteriously become like Christ. The Jews argued, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" We can no longer argue as they did for we have received the gift of faith. We must adore, offer thanksgiving and dedicate ourselves. We do this in His memory, to remind ourselves of that night when he promised to remain upon the altars until the end of time, insensitive to the pain of loneliness he would experience in so many tabernacles.

The Eucharist, the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ, is not only strength and food for the road; the Eucharist is not only for the present. It is also a pledge of future glory. What does "Whoever eats this bread will live forever" mean? Already from the present moment, the Eucharist plants a little "heaven" inside us, because in the Eucharist we receive the suffering and glorified Christ. We are pilgrims of this land, yet citizens of another country towards which we journey and where we will dwell eternally.

Our final destiny cannot be this world. God opens our poor existence on to the horizon of eternal life. His promise must inspire us. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood already has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." How do we nourish our hope and yearning for the Supper of the Lamb? Let us ask the Lord to welcome us into heaven because we have fed on the bread that raises us to true life.

All the best...in Christ,
Father Wilson

**"Never miss an opportunity to do good."
St. Francis de Sales**

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
IN STE CLAIRE CHAPEL**



“Could you not keep watch for one hour?” Mk. 14:37
Ready to try a weekly holy hour with Jesus?

Jesus is ready to pour out His blessings on you in the chapel! We have an urgent need for an adorer on **Wednesday at 1:00PM**. If you would like to try this or a different hour, please go to the Adoration webpage at:

<https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration>, or contact one of the Divisional Leaders:

MDNT.-6AM Tom Henry 803.642.6893 (no text)
6AM-Noon Ken Boucher 803.226.4639
Noon-6PM Janice Suhrer 803.645.6105

READINGS FOR AUGUST 18 – AUGUST 25

Sunday, August 18 readings begin on page 636 of the Word & Eucharist books found in the pews.

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6 Ps 34:2-3, 10-15
Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58
Monday: Ez 24:15-23 Dt 32:18-21
Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10 Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab
Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28 Ps 40:5, 7-10
Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13, 17-18
Jn 1:45-51
Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ps 34:2-3, 16-23 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32
Jn 6:60-69

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REQUIRED ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Sunday, September 8 3:00 – 4:00PM
in the church

Lead Servers and Server Educators are also welcomed to attend.

If you are unable to attend, please contact Paul Gaynor, Altar Server Ministry Coordinator, at paulvjg324@gmail.com or 908.692.9547

STEPHEN MINISTRY



St. Mary's has trained Stephen Ministers - women and men - who are here to help. A listening ear and someone to walk alongside you may be just what you need to regain your equilibrium - and joy. If you or someone you know is in

need of support, Stephen Ministry can help. Leaflets are in the back of the church with more information about Stephen Ministry and simple instructions on how to initiate contact with us, or call Mary Ellen Jackson at 803.507.1060.

MARRIAGE HELP

For over 40 years, Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too, or a hurting couple you might know. For confidential information about the program or to register for the upcoming September 27-29th weekend in Charlotte area, call Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727.343.6701 or email: 3062R@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, August 18

8:30AM Frank Jordan

11:00AM Jeanenne Featherston

1:00PM Guillermo Alvarez

5:00PM Pro Populo

Monday, August 19

5:30PM Carol Reeve

Tuesday, August 20

5:30PM Brian White

Wednesday, August 21

8:20AM Stewart Alan Cadarr (L)

5:30PM Gail Basile (L)

Thursday, August 22

10:00AM Barclay Kathleen Chadwick

5:30PM Patricia Preston

Friday, August 23

5:30PM Sebastian Ruffini

Saturday, August 24

8:00AM Sanctity of Life from Birth to Natural Death

5:00PM Carol Reeve

William Featherston

Jeanenne Featherston

Robert Spaulding

Genevieve Lyons

Rudy Seichter

Sunday, August 25

8:30AM Pro Populo

11:00AM Edward G. Bittner

1:00PM Darleen Shephard

5:00PM Phyllis Ann Bennett

Pro Populo - For the People

BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS:

August 3 Izabella Catriona Sutton, daughter of

William T. Sutton & Jeanine T. Villanueva

Boone Thomas Lemmond, son of Michelle D.

Lemmond

August 10 Arianelly Meza daughter of Miguel Meza

& Mari C. Figueroa

Juan Luiz Muniz son of Jose L. Muniz & Lizabeth

Martinez Muniz

Adriel Gomez son of Jose Leonel G. Altamirano &

Naviana V. Sanchez

DEATHS/DIFUNTOS:

August 6 Danial Dikun

August 6 Joanne Silverstein

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

HOLY BAPTISM

The birth of your child is such a gift! Let St. Mary's parish help you give the gift of new birth through the waters of Holy Baptism. For a child to receive Baptism at St. Mary's, please note that at least one parent must be a practicing Catholic, regularly attend Holy Mass, participate in the life of the parish, and be registered at St. Mary's at least three months prior to requesting the date for Baptism. In this, you become part of our wider parish family! Parents must attend our Baptismal Preparation session prior to the Baptism. The next session is **Sunday, September 15, 2024 at 10:00AM** in Smith Hall. Registration is necessary so that we can prepare for you. Please contact Chris Ascherman at 803.845.0568. Godparents are encouraged to attend a Baptismal Preparation session as well. Since godparents promise to help raise your child in the practice of the Catholic faith, godparents must be practicing Catholics at whatever parish they attend.

HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

These incredible Sacraments nourish and strengthen us in our Catholic faith so that we can live as "the light of the world" (St. Matthew 5:14). *Please note:* Parents and children must be registered with St. Mary's and faithfully attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Children who are not enrolled in our Catholic school must attend a minimum of two years of Christian Formation classes and satisfy the attendance policy. For more information contact: Joan LaBone at 803.215.7040 or jlabone@charlestandioocese.org.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Congratulations! The world truly needs strong, faithful couples. Our parish stands ready to help prepare you for your life together in Christ. The Diocese of Charleston **requires a minimum of six months preparation** for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact us as soon as you are engaged so that we can share your joy and begin the process of reserving a date for your special day. Please understand that not all dates at the church may be available. For information, call 803.649.4777 ext.114 to leave a message for Kimberly Gaynor.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Are you seriously ill, facing surgery, or of advanced age? Receive grace and strength from the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the Church's Sacrament of healing. Call 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

More information about the Sacraments can be found on our parish website:
www.stmarys-aiken.org

NEXT SCHEDULED BAPTISM DATE (ENGLISH)

Sept. 7, 2024 – 11:00AM in the church on Fairfield

- Baptism preparation class must have been completed.
- All paperwork must be submitted to the office one month prior to the date of Baptism.

For more information or to schedule a Baptism, please call the parish office at 803.649.4777

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

OCIA is the new acronym for the process to become Catholic (formerly RCIA) has begun! All are welcome to join us - and bring a friend. We meet Tuesday evenings 6:00-7:30PM through May 13th in Mother Teresa Hall. If you are interested in joining the Church or for more information, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org.

CATHOLIC YOUTH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

CONTACT: MRS. JOAN MARIE LABONE
JLABONE@CHARLESTONDIocese.ORG
803.215.7040

Please register your children for the 24/25 school year. All registrations will be online.

<https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>

FORMATION Classes (CCD)
begin on September 8, 2024

August 18– Life Night – GAME NIGHT!!!

August 25– First Middle School night of 24/25 OLYMPIC NIGHT, come ready to participate in all kinds of Olympic games!

Sept. 1– No Youth Ministry, Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 8– LIFE Teen Begins a new year! Join us! 6:15-8:00 PM in the Bosco Center.

PRAY & PLAY: A GROUP FOR PARENTS & THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN

Pray & Play: A Group for Parents & Their Young Children. Come join an informal group of moms and dads hoping to connect with other parents and their little ones. We meet Tuesdays, from 9:00-10:30AM, starting September 10th.

This first meeting will be at Mother Teresa Hall, while subsequent meetings will be hosted in a home—please contact Grace (706.993.8004) or Amanda (509.438.7937) for details.

Children ages 5 & under are welcome (older siblings also welcome).

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 18

8:30AM	Mass	Church
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Monday, August 19

9:30AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Smith Hall
12:00PM	Lunch & Learn	Bosco
1:00PM	Rosary Makers	Mother Teresa Hall
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

Tuesday, August 20

3:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
6:00PM	OCIA (RCIA)	Mother Teresa Hall

Wednesday, August 21

8:20AM	School Mass	Church
11:00AM	Joseph Pearce Talk	Old St. Mary's
2:30PM	Legion of Mary	Smith Hall Down
5:30PM	Joseph Pearce Talk	Old St. Mary's

Thursday, August 22

4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Church
7:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church

Friday, August 23

4:45PM	Confessions	Old St. Mary's
5:30PM	Mass	Old St. Mary's

Saturday, August 24

8:00AM	Mass	Old St. Mary's
3:30PM	Confessions	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

Sunday, August 25

8:30AM	Mass	Church
11:00AM	Mass	Church
1:00PM	Mass in Spanish	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

LOOKING AHEAD

Fr. Timothy Reid from St. Ann's in Charlotte will be speaking on Wednesday, **October 16** at 5:30PM.

GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will reopen the weekend of September 7 and 8. We will be open after **ALL** Masses. Deacon Bob Pierce will be signing copies of his book after all Masses. Please stop by to purchase one and talk to Deacon Bob. We look forward to seeing you soon!

PARISH PERKS!

Join us for coffee and fellowship after the Sunday 8:30AM Mass in St. Michael Hall

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A 15-week grief support group will begin **Tuesday, September 10, 2024**. We use the GriefShare program, a special, lay-led weekly seminar and support group that embraces a biblical, Christ-centered approach to grief (www.griefshare.org).

Please join us for help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. We provide a safe and loving environment to encourage sharing and exchanging of concerns and feelings, as you feel comfortable. This group is open to all grieving people in our community, regardless of religious affiliation. Please pass the information along to anyone you know who might need it. People may join the group at any point.

The meetings are held **3:30 - 5:00PM on Tuesdays in Mother Teresa Hall (125 Union Street, SE)**.

Sept. 10 - Loss of Spouse (For those who have experienced the death of a spouse).

Sept. 17, we begin the regular 13-week GriefShare program

Nov. 12, we have a one-time session on Surviving the Holidays

The workbook fee is \$20 and scholarships are available. The registration form is available at the St. Mary Parish Office. Please contact Karen Van Deren at kvanderen@charlestondiocese.org for additional information or with questions and to register.

PARISH PICNIC – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Save the date! St. Mary's will host our parish picnic on the parish campus, Sun., Oct. 13 from 12:30-3:30PM. The event will include free food, live music, opportunities to connect with fellow parishioners, and tours of our newly completed STEM Center.



AMEN august 24

8:00 am - 5:00 pm
St. Finbar Hall
900 Orange Grove Road in Charleston

South Carolina Catholic Men's Conference

\$75 Early Bird Registration
\$90 Regular Registration
\$15 Livestream Registration

<https://bit.ly/sccmc2024>



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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday- Friday 7:30AM - 3:30PM

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Saint Mary Help of Christians Catholic School is seeking a School Counselor/Interventionist for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants should be certified and/or eligible for SC certification. Qualified applicants should submit a resume and cover letter to office@stmaryschoolaiken.com.

FAMILY HONOR PROGRAM

Parents of 5th and 6th graders! Plan to attend our Changes and Challenges program. This program will help you and your child prepare for the changes and the challenges that your emerging teen will face. Parents only Sept. 17th, parent with child Sept. 24th. You can find more information here: <https://familyhonor.org/program-descriptions/>

ST. MARY'S CHURCH AND AIKEN SHEPARD BLOOD CENTER

**WILL HOST A BLOOD DRIVE AT:
 HITCHCOCK PLACE 353 FABIAN DRIVE
 803.643.7996**

Call the center to set up your time to donate for **August 19-31**

To expedite your time at the center: • Fill out your health questionnaire online the day of the drive. • All registration is now being completed electronically at the center. • The day of your appointment tell the center that you are donating for St. Mary's of Aiken.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For food or financial assistance call 803.642.3211
 Open Monday – Thursday 9:00AM – 1:00PM
 Closed On Fridays

FIAT HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

August 21, 2024 Smith Hall 10:00AM
 We will go over expectations for the year, our prayer and hymn, and do brief family introductions. Then we will attend Joseph Pearce's "God's Love and Great Literature" in Old St. Mary's. This talk is child friendly, however, there will be a nursery to utilize in Smith Hall. If you would like to use that option contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org. Question? Contact Stephanie Lee at 803.634.3171.

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

Will meet on **Wednesday, August 21 at 1PM** in Old St. Mary church. All women of the parish are welcome- especially those who have a child or grandchild who has left the practice of the Catholic faith. For more information contact Nancy Ring at philipnancy@att.net

DAY TRIP TO MILLEDGEVILLE

Southern Catholic author Flannery O'Connor is the subject of the recently released movie Wildcat. Plan to join our parish day-trip to Milledgeville, GA, to tour Andalusia (Flannery O'Connor's home), Sacred Heart Church (her church), her burial site, and more. Saturday, October 26th. For more information go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040448AAA62BABFA7-50245896-daytrip#/> or contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



This week!!! On Wednesday August 21st **Joseph Pearce** will speak on *God's Love and Great Literature* at 11AM, and *A Call to Catholic Responsibility under a Hostile Government* at 5:30PM. Both talks will be held in Old St.

Mary's. A nursery will be available if requested. To sign up for a nursery or other questions, contact Mary Ellen Jackson at mjackson@charlestandioocese.org



THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

A prayer from Mother Angelica: "My Jesus, somewhere in the world your people are celebrating the Eucharist... Prepare my heart to walk with You in Your Sacrifice and permit me to unite the sacrifices of my daily life with Yours. I unite my entire life with the life You lived on earth. I desire that my moment to moment existence be patterned after Your perfections... Somewhere, someplace there is a Mass being said -- a Calvary to be present at -- a Communion to receive, either sacramentally or spiritually -- an opportunity to be more like Jesus, the privilege of helping my neighbor, a time to say "I thank You, God", a situation to choose Jesus over myself or a chance to make a sacrifice." (from the EWTN website)

ESPACIO DE NUESTRO PÁRROCO

JESÚS, EL PAN DE VIDA

Queridos amigos en Cristo,

La Palabra de Dios, así como la Eucaristía, es el alimento que alimenta nuestra alma. Sería temerario no participar fielmente en el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa que Cristo nos ha dejado: Pan del cielo y Palabra de Dios. El Evangelio ilumina nuestra mente; la Eucaristía alimenta nuestra alma. La promesa de Cristo hace brillar una nueva luz dentro de nosotros: "El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre tiene vida eterna, y yo lo resucitaré el último día".

La Sagrada Comunión no sólo alimenta el alma, sino que también nos da fuerza y hace que nuestro espíritu disfrute de la dulzura de las cosas divinas. No es el sacramento el que se convierte, como el pan y el vino, en parte de nuestra sustancia, sino que somos nosotros los que misteriosamente nos volvemos como Cristo. Los judíos argumentaban: "¿Cómo puede este hombre darnos a comer su carne?" Ya no podemos discutir como ellos, porque hemos recibido el don de la fe. Debemos adorar, dar gracias y dedicarnos. Lo hacemos en memoria suya, para recordar aquella noche en la que prometió permanecer en los altares hasta el fin de los tiempos, insensible al dolor de la soledad que experimentaríamos en tantos sagrarios.

La Eucaristía, cuerpo, sangre, alma y divinidad de Cristo, no es sólo fuerza y alimento para el camino; la Eucaristía no es sólo para el presente. Es también prenda de gloria futura. ¿Qué significa "Quien come de este pan vivirá para siempre"? Ya desde el momento presente, la Eucaristía siembra un pequeño "cielo" dentro de nosotros, porque en la Eucaristía recibimos a Cristo sufriente y glorificado. Somos peregrinos de esta tierra, pero ciudadanos de otro país hacia el que caminamos y donde habitaremos eternamente.

Nuestro destino final no puede ser este mundo. Dios abre nuestra pobre existencia al horizonte de la vida eterna. Su promesa debe inspirarnos. "El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre ya tiene vida eterna, y yo lo resucitaré el último día". ¿Cómo alimentamos nuestra esperanza y anhelo por la Cena del Cordero? Pidámosle al Señor que nos dé la bienvenida al cielo porque nos hemos alimentado del pan que nos eleva a la verdadera vida.

Todo lo mejor...en Cristo,
Padre Wilson

FORMACIÓN CRISTIANA

LAS LECTURAS PARA DOMINGO, 18 DE AGOSTO COMIENZAN
EN LA PAGINA 637 EN EL LIBRO
"PALABRA Y EUCHARISTÍA"

LAS LECTURAS DE LAS ESCRITURAS

DEL 18 DE AGOSTO AL 25 DE AGOSTO 2024

Domingo: Prov 9, 1-6 Sal 33, 2-3. 10-15
Ef 5, 15-20 Jn 6, 51-58

Lunes: Ez 24, 15-24 Dt 32, 18-21.
Mt 19, 16-22

Martes: Ez 28, 1-10 Dt 32, 26-28. 30. 35-36
Mt 19, 23-30

Miércoles: Ez 34, 1-11 Sal 22, 1-6.
Mt 20, 1-16

Jueves: Ez 36, 23-28 Sal 39, 5. 7-10.
Mt 22, 1-14

Viernes: Ez 37, 1-14 Sal 106, 2-3. 4-9
Mt 22, 34-40

Sábado: Ap 21, 9-14 Sal 144, 10-13. 17-18
Jn 1, 45-51

Domingo siguiente: Jos 24, 1-2. 15-18.
Sal 33, 2-3. 16-23. Ef 5, 21-32 o 5, 2. 25-32
Jn 6, 60-69

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Las intenciones para las Misas diarias
se encuentran en la pagina tres (3)

HOMILÍAS DOMINICALES EN LÍNEA

Las reproducciones en audio de todas las homilías del fin de semana están disponibles en el sitio web de la parroquia. Vaya al sitio web de Santa Maria en www.stmarys-aiken.org. Desplácese hasta la parte inferior de la página de inicio y haga clic en "Listen to homilies."

ACTO DE COMUNIÓN ESPIRITUAL

Mi Jesús, Creo que estás realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento. Te amo por encima de todas las cosas y deseo poseerte dentro de mi alma. Ya que soy incapaz en este momento para recibirte sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón. Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí, y unirte totalmente a Ti. Nunca permitas que me separe de Ti. Amén

LA TIENDA DE REGALOS

La tienda de regalos volverá a abrir el fin de semana del 7 y 8 de septiembre. Abriremos después de TODAS las misas. El diácono Bob Pierce firmará copias de su libro después de todas las misas. Ven a comprar una copia de su libro y habla con el diácono Bob. ¡Esperamos verte pronto!

SAGRADO SACRAMENTOS

SANTO BAUTISMO

¡El nacimiento de un hijo es un gran regalo que necesita renacer a través de las aguas del Bautismo! Para bautizar a un niño en Sta. María, tenga en cuenta que al menos uno de los padres debe ser católico practicante, asistir regularmente a la Santa Misa, participar en la vida de la parroquia y estar registrado en Sta. María al menos tres meses antes de solicitar la fecha para el bautismo. Ambos padres deben asistir a las sesiones prebautismales. Dado que los padrinos prometen ayudar a criar a su hijo en la práctica de la fe católica, ellos deben ser católicos practicantes en la parroquia que asisten y se les anima a asistir a las sesiones de preparación bautismal también. **Las próximas clases se llevarán a cabo el 8 & 15 de septiembre.** Es necesario registrarse para que podamos prepararnos para usted. Comuníquese con Luz Londoño al 803.480.6865.

SAGRADA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN

Estos increíbles Sacramentos nos nutren y fortalecen en nuestra fe católica para que podamos vivir como "la luz del mundo" (San Mateo 5,14). *Tenga en cuenta:* los padres y los niños deben estar registrados en Sta. María, asistir fielmente a misa los domingos y los días de precepto. Los niños que no están inscritos en nuestra escuela católica deben asistir a un mínimo de dos años de clases de formación cristiana y cumplir con la política de asistencia. Para más información contactarse con: Joan LaBone al jlabone@charlestandioocese.org o 803.215.7040.

SANTO MATRIMONIO

¡Felicidades! El mundo realmente necesita parejas fuertes y fieles en Cristo. La Diócesis de Charleston requiere una preparación mínima de seis meses para el Sacramento del Matrimonio, así que comuníquese con nosotros tan pronto como se comprometa para que podamos compartir su alegría y comenzar el proceso de reservar una fecha para su día especial. Para registrarse y obtener más información por favor comuníquese con Sonia Jimenes 803.508.5370.

UNCIÓN DE ENFERMOS

¿Está gravemente enfermo, se enfrenta a una cirugía o es de edad avanzada? Reciba la gracia y la fuerza del Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, el Sacramento de sanación de la Iglesia. Comuníquese con 803.649.4777 ext. 113.

Puede encontrar más información sobre los sacramentos en nuestro sitio web parroquial www.stmarys-aiken.org

PRÓXIMA FECHA DE BAUTISMO (ESPAÑOL)

14 de septiembre 2024 a las 11:00AM

en la iglesia en la calle Fairfield.

- Las clases de preparación para el bautismo deben haber sido completadas
- Toda la documentación deben presentarse en la oficina un mes antes de la fecha del bautismo.

Para obtener más información o si desea programar un bautismo, llame a la oficina parroquial al 802.649.4777

RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

Formación y Preparación para adultos que necesitan recibir los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Comunión y/o Confirmación. Inicia el martes 20 de Agosto, 2024; a las 7:00PM, en el Salón Smith. Para registrarse y más información acudir con Omar Cardona, o Equipo de RICA.

Este espacio está abierto a toda la comunidad, como oportunidad de profundizar en nuestra Fe y Doctrina Católica.

FORMACIÓN CATÓLICA PARA JÓVENES Y MINISTERIO JUVENIL

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Esté atento a la inscripción para el año escolar 24/25. Todas las inscripciones estarán en línea a partir del 1 de julio. <https://www.stmarys-aiken.org/ccd>

Las clases de FORMACIÓN (CCD) comienzan el 8 de septiembre de 2024

18 de Agosto - Noche de Lifeteen

25 de Agosto - Primera noche de escuela secundaria del 24/25

1 de septiembre - No Habra ministerio vespertino. Feriado del Día del Trabajo

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La escuela católica Saint Mary Help of Christians busca un consejero/intervencionista escolar para el año escolar 2024-2025. Los solicitantes deben estar certificados y/o ser elegibles para la certificación de SC. Los solicitantes calificados deben enviar un currículum y una carta de presentación a office@stmaryschoolaiken.com.

PROGRAMA FAMILY HONOR

¡Padres de alumnos de 5.º y 6.º grado! Planeen asistir a nuestro programa Cambios y Desafíos. Este programa los ayudará a usted y a su hijo a prepararse para los cambios y los desafíos que enfrentará su hijo adolescente. Reunión solo para padres el 17 de septiembre, reunión para padres con niños el 24 de septiembre. Puede encontrar más información aquí: <https://familyhonor.org/program-descriptions/>

SITIO WEB DE LA PARROQUIA

La mayor parte de la información en el sitio web de la parroquia ahora está disponible en español. Haga clic en la bandera mexicana en la esquina superior derecha de la página de inicio en www.stmarys-aiken.org

ENCUENTRO MATRIMONIAL MUNDIAL

Es un fin de semana designado para darle a las parejas casadas la oportunidad de examinar sus vidas y ayudarles a comunicarse mejor. Decídanse a vivirlo, con fe en que la Gracia de Dios hará posible que sólo en un Fin de Semana ustedes renueven su amor, fortalezcan su relación de esposos y hagan a sus hijos más felices.

Regístrese hoy para asistir al próximo fin de semana del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial XXX en North Myrtle Beach, SC.

<https://luchaportumatrimonio.org/applyWeekend.php?hl=es>. Para obtener más información, visite nuestro sitio web:

<https://wwme.org/?lang=es> o póngase en contacto con nosotros en 301.710.5554 o

aplicaciones@luchaportumatrimonio.org

EVENTOS PARA LA PROXIMA SEMANA

Domingo, 18 de agosto

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
10:00AM	Quinceañera Preparación	Smith
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

Lunes, 19 de agosto

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
5:45PM	Legión de María	Smith Hall
7:00PM	Pequeña Comunidad	Santa Teresa

Martes, 20 de agosto

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
6:30PM	OCIA (RCIA)	Smith Hall

Miércoles, 21 de agosto

8:20AM	Misa	Iglesia
6:15PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
7:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
7:30PM	Reunión de coordinadores	Smith Hall

Jueves, 22 de Agosto

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:30PM	Grupo de Oración	Iglesia Antigua

Viernes, 23 de agosto

4:45PM	Confesiones	Iglesia Antigua
5:30PM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
7:00PM	Grupo de Matrimonio	Smith Hall

Sábado, 24 de agosto

8:00AM	Misa	Iglesia Antigua
3:30PM	Confesiones	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa de vigilia	Iglesia

Domingo, 25 de agosto

8:30AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Misa	Iglesia
11:00AM	Práctica del Coro	San Miguel
1:00PM	Misa en español	Iglesia
5:00PM	Misa	Iglesia

ANUNCIO DE AVIVAMIENTO EUCARÍSTICO

Oración de la Madre Angélica: "Jesús mío, en algún lugar del mundo tu pueblo está celebrando la Eucaristía... Prepara mi corazón para caminar contigo en tu sacrificio y permíteme unir los sacrificios de mi vida diaria con los tuyos. Uno mi vida entera con la vida que viviste en la tierra. Deseo que mi existencia momento a momento esté modelada según tus perfecciones... En algún lugar, se está celebrando una misa, un calvario al que asistir, una comunión que recibir, ya sea sacramental o espiritualmente, una oportunidad de ser más como Jesús, el privilegio de ayudar a mi prójimo, un momento para decir "te doy gracias, Dios", una situación para elegir a Jesús por sobre mí o una oportunidad de hacer un sacrificio". (del sitio web de EWTN)

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